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## YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW



## MUSIC

## Ariana Grande

Pop megastar Ariana Grande will heat things up at the TD Garden for the first official weekend of summer. Fresh off the release of her fifth studio album, "Thank U, Next," Grande brings her "Sweetener" world tour to Boston on Saturday night. June 22, 8 p.m., TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, \$39.95+, [tdgarden.com](http://tdgarden.com)

Need some help making weekend plans? We've got you covered. From Ariana Grande at the Garden to food fests, here are the best things to do in Boston this weekend.

## Boston Pickle Fair

Get your fill of the briny delight this weekend when the Boston Pickle Fair returns to the Hub. The festivities will feature two sessions of pickle fun, including samples, access to a beer garden, a pickle lounge, competitions and more.

June 22, The Innovation and Design Building, 21-23-25 Drydock Ave., \$25, [bostonpicklefair.com](http://bostonpicklefair.com)

## Boston Portuguese Festival

Celebrate the city's Portuguese community when the annual fest returns to City Hall

Plaza on Sunday. The event will include live music, dance showcases, plus plenty of Portuguese food cooked up by local restaurants.

June 23, noon-8 p.m., City Hall Plaza, [bostonportuguese festival.org](http://bostonportuguese festival.org)

## Dave Matthews Band

What better way to welcome summer than sitting on a lawn, watching the Dave Matthews Band rock out onstage? The fan-favorite band will jam out at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield on Friday night.

June 21, 8 p.m., Xfinity Center, 885 S. Main St., Mansfield, \$49.50+, [livenation.com](http://livenation.com)

## Kiefer Sutherland

No, Jack Bauer isn't coming to Boston to stop bad guys over

the course of 24 hours. Instead, actor Kiefer Sutherland will show off his musical chops when he performs at The Wilbur on Saturday night.

June 22, 8 p.m., The Wilbur, 246 Tremont St., \$30+, [thewilbur.com](http://thewilbur.com)

## Summer Solstice Celebration

Usher in summer on the longest day of the year with the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture. On Friday, the museums are offering free admission as well as hosting an evening of fun featuring activities, performances, food and more.

June 21, 5-9 p.m., Harvard Museums of Science & Culture, 11 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, free, [hmsc.harvard.edu/summer-solstice](http://hmsc.harvard.edu/summer-solstice)

## "Toy Story 4"

Buzz, Woody and the gang are back for another round of adventures. The hit animated franchise will feature a few new toys this time around voiced by A-list stars like Tony Hale, Keegan-Michael Key, Jordan Peele, Christina Hendricks and the one and only Keanu Reeves.

Opens June 20, various locations, [movies.disney.com/toy-story-4](http://movies.disney.com/toy-story-4)

## "Whose Live Anyway?"

The stars of the long-running improv comedy series "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" are shipping up to Boston this weekend. See Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, Dave Foley and Joel Murray pull off a night of wacky sketches at The Wilbur on Friday. June 21, 7:30 p.m., The Wilbur, 246 Tremont St., \$52, [thewilbur.com](http://thewilbur.com)

## COMEDY



## Paula Poundstone

Need a laugh this weekend? Then head to the Chevalier Theatre on Friday night. The venue is hosting a night of stand-up featuring legendary comic and former Sudbury resident Paula Poundstone.

June 21, 7:30 p.m., Chevalier Theatre, 30 Forest St., Medford, \$30+, [chevaliertheatre.com](http://chevaliertheatre.com)



## Vegetarian and Vegan Food Festival

Veggie lovers, rejoice! Cambridge's first Vegetarian and Vegan Food Festival is set to go down on Sunday. The festivities will include samples of vegetarian and vegan food from dozens of local vegetarian and vegan restaurants, as well as a Notch Brewing Beer Garden, live music, farmers market vendors and more.

June 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 95 Prospect St., Cambridge, \$5, [new-englandopenmarkets.com](http://new-englandopenmarkets.com)





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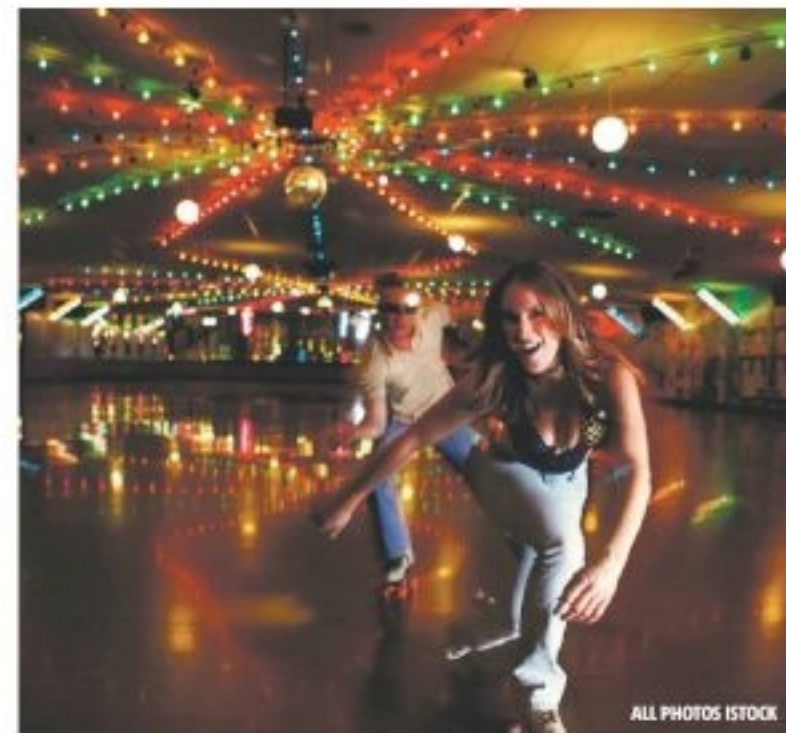
# Everything you need to know about the Donna Summer Roller Disco Party

Be prepared for a night full of music and fun. **METRO STAFF**

Like lobster rolls and Fourth of July fireworks at the Hatch Shell, the Donna Summer Roller Disco Party has become an annual summer tradition in Boston. For the sixth year in a row, the city will celebrate the late queen of disco and Boston native with a night of music and fun. Here's what you need to know about this year's party in honor of the Grammy winner.

## What is it?

If you haven't been to a Donna Summer Roller Disco Party yet, then cancel your Friday night plans and head to City Hall Plaza. The annual event pays tribute



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to the local music icon with an evening filled with musical performances and roller disco.

Guests who stop by the event can shake their groove thing while skating around

the outdoor rink to awesome tunes. If you don't have your own skates, don't worry, as the City of Boston will have free rentals on hand, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 2019 Donna

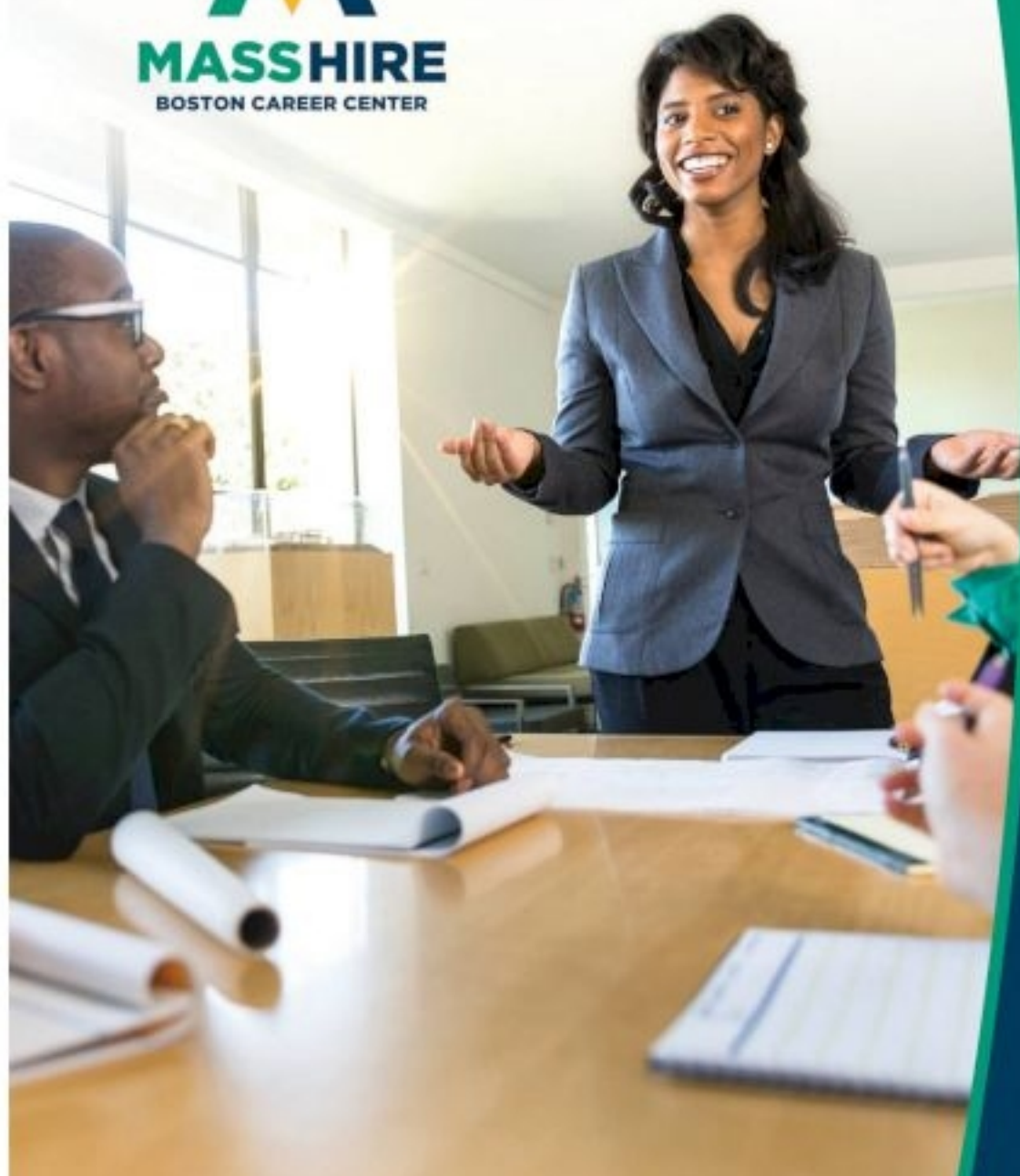
Summer Roller Disco Party will feature dance-worthy jams provided by DJ Vince, as well as a performance by Boston-based rapper O'Mega Red. And don't forget to snap some far out selfies with your pals at the

photo booth.

## When and where is it?

The Donna Summer Roller Disco Party returns to City Hall Plaza on Friday night. The festivities are set to take place between

6 p.m. and 10 p.m., so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the action after work. And the best part? The party is free to attend, so make like Disco Stu and skate on down to the event this weekend.



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# Hemp Gummies Shown To Relieve Discomfort

Hemp Gummies offer users fast acting relief from joint and muscle discomfort that's absolutely delicious; now available in the U.S. without a prescription

Chris Laufstein  
Associated Health Press

BOSTON — For millions battling daily discomfort, this news couldn't be more exciting.

A new relief extract found in hemp is available across the nation and can be purchased without a prescription.

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**Hemp Gummies**, contains pure concentrated doses of hemp extract, which can help relieve joint discomfort along with general muscle aches and soreness.

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Exciting new scientific research shows that hemp extract contains special relief molecules called cannabinoids which bind to receptor sites in the brain and body. When taken orally, hemp extract activates these receptors, and soothing comfort begins to take form.

## Available Across the Nation

Recent developments, like the **US Farm Bill**, allow **Hemp Gummies** to be sold in the U.S. without a prescription. And since it can't get you high it's flying off the shelves.

"Most people have no idea that pure hemp extract, like **Hemp Gummies**, can be purchased. And that's because it contains no THC," explains Dr. Joe Wezensky, who sits on the scientific board at Medici Quest.

"Instead, it's bursting with special relief compounds called cannabinoids. These cannabinoids target special receptor sites all over the body but are most prominent in the brain."

"This system of cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are called the Endocannabinoid System and science is just now unlocking its amazing medical potential"

"In fact, the initial research has been so impressive that hemp extract is now patented by the US Government (patent #6,630,507)."

"It's also being used by athletes in the NFL, MMA among other physically demanding sports as a safe alternative."

## Clearing Up the Confusion Around Hemp

One of the biggest mistakes people make when talking about hemp extract is mixing it up with marijuana.

Although the two fall under the same plant category, cannabis sativa, they have completely different effects on the body.

Remarkably, hemp extract is available in the U.S. and can't get you high (ever!). That's because there is no THC in it, the chemical that makes you feel "buzzed".

"Although you can't get high from **Hemp Gummies**, you can start feeling the effective relief," explains Wezensky.

"Most people have very low cannabinoid levels, which is why they constantly ache. **Hemp Gummies** boosts cannabinoid levels extremely fast, helping relieve lingering joint discomfort ...muscle tension... and general soreness. It also eases stress and elicits amazing relaxation without feeling impaired. And what most people really love is they're delicious and so easy to take on the go.

## How it Works

Clinical studies show that cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are found all over your body.

However, they are most concentrated in your brain. That's why it has such a profound impact on how you feel, especially your level of comfort.

These cannabinoids and their receptors work like "lock and key" and bind to each other triggering important biological processes.

## Hemp Extract, like **Hemp Gummies**, may help users with...

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## Keeps Your Body Balanced...

The incredible impact cannabinoids have on your health is directly related to the primary goal of your Endocannabinoid System, which is to maintain a balance in the body, a physiological state known as homeostasis.

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The cannabinoids found in **Hemp Gummies**, hemp extract, replenish your levels quickly, easing discomfort over the entire body.

Plus, by keeping your body in balance (homeostasis), **Hemp Gummies** also helps to relieve stress and tension...improve sleep... and even promote relaxation and calmness.



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## Not Yet Sold in Stores

Hemp extract that is derived from industrial hemp, like **Hemp Gummies**, is available nationwide. However, several major pharmaceutical companies are currently testing hemp extract in clinical settings, which means it may require a prescription in the future. It's advised to get **Hemp Gummies** while you can.

## Taking All the Risk Off Consumers

A large percentage of men and women using **Hemp Gummies** experience truly amazing results. That's why it's now being sold with a guarantee that goes way beyond the industry standard.

"We can only make this guarantee because we are 100% certain our customers will be satisfied," says Wezensky. We want to take full risk off consumers. So in addition to offering substantial discounts for first time customers, we also make them a huge promise that ensures they don't have to risk a cent."

Here's how it works: Take **Hemp Gummies** exactly as directed and you must be thrilled with the results! Otherwise, simply return the empty bottles within 90 days. Then, the company will refund your money plus give you an extra \$10 for having tried the product.

## Where To Find Hemp Gummies

This is the official nationwide release of **Hemp Gummies** hemp extract in Massachusetts. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to anyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

An Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This gives everyone an equal chance to try **Hemp Gummies** hemp extract.

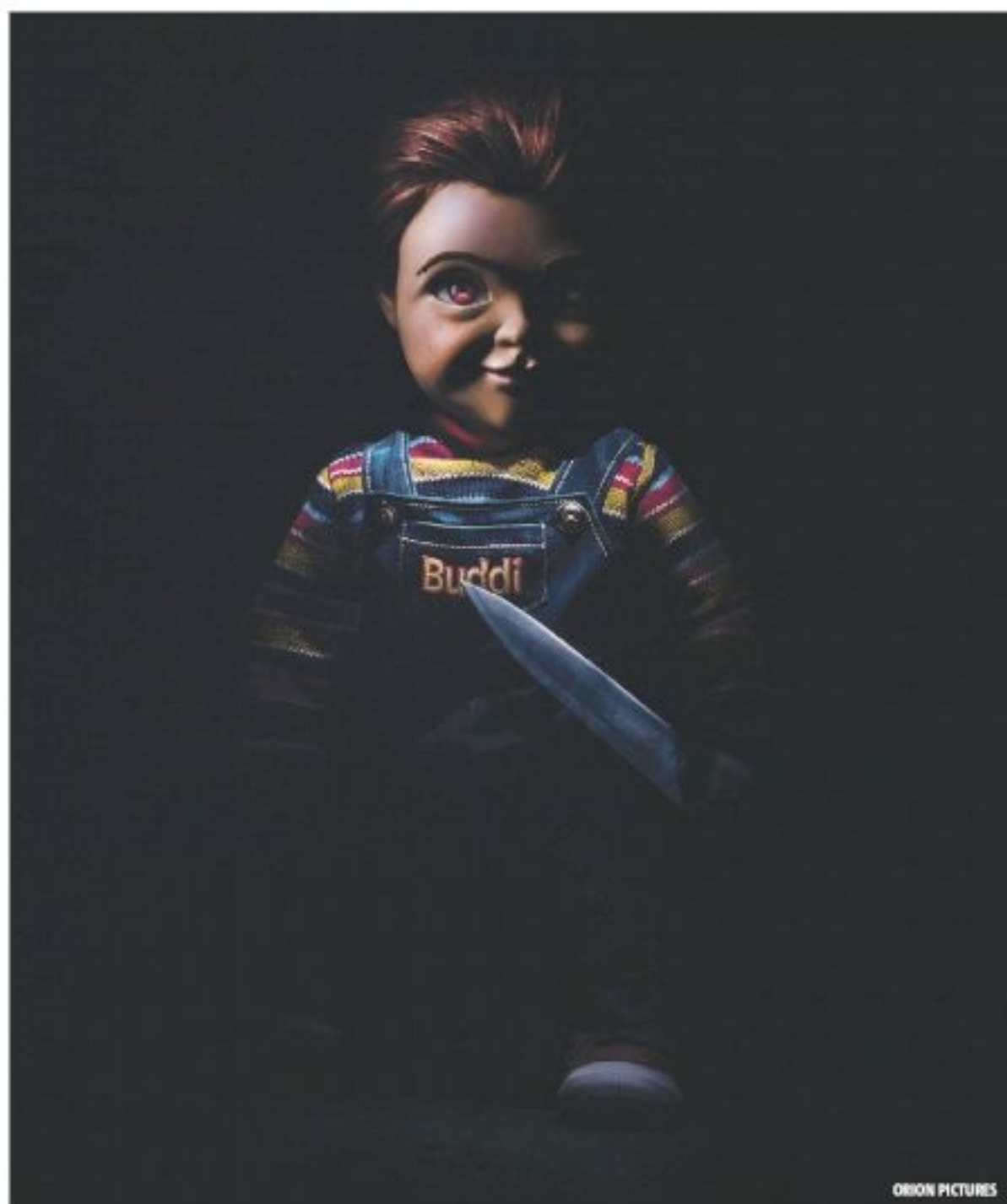
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# Brian Tyree Henry on the too close for comfort satire of *'Child's Play'*

The modern reboot of the "Chucky" franchise hits theaters this Friday. **PAT KING**

How dependent are we on our technology? Furthermore, as we become reliant on our phones and devices to perform what were once everyday tasks, what would happen if something were to go awry in the programming? These questions are posed in the new reboot of the classic horror franchise, "Child's Play", starring Aubrey Plaza, Brian Tyree Henry, and Mark Hamil as the voice of Chucky.

The film takes place in the present day, a single mother Karen Barclay, played by Plaza, works at a big box store to make ends meet and provide for her son Andy, played by Gabriel Bate-man. While working she processes a return on a brand new "Buddi" doll (with a wireless router

symbol to dot the "i") and decides to bring it home to Andy for his birthday. Little did she know, this particular doll's AI engineering had been altered, by a disgruntled worker at the Kaslan Corporation manufacturing plant, and set to be able to carry out dangerous and negative acts in response to its surroundings. As Andy shows his new friend, Chucky, his rough neighborhood and voices his disdain for his Mom's jerk of a boyfriend, Shane,

Chucky gets some new ideas on how to keep Andy his best friend forever.

This evolved new version of Chucky, voiced with equal parts menace and heart by Hamil, is a bit more modern than the original film, with total access to its owner's cloud and home entertainment and security systems to, you know, gain their trust and friendship. All of this is set in the opening scene of the film with an infomercial from the Kaslan Corporation unveiling the new doll. This intro is a shocking bit of foreshadowing for the viewer, and even took the film's star Brian Tyree Henry,

by surprise upon reading the script.

"When they gave us the script, it wasn't called 'Child's Play' at the beginning," says Brian Tyree Henry, who stars as Detective Mike Norris whose mother lives on the same hall as the



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Barclays in the film. "It was called the 'Kaslan Project,'" remembers the Emmy and Tony-nominated actor, "And, so, I'm reading the story not really knowing exactly what it's about and I'm going through it and I was like... And I see the name Chucky and I'm like, no way. There's no way they're doing this, right? Are they really gonna do it?"

Oh, and they really did it. The film, directed by Norwegian director Lars Klevberg and written by Tyler Burton Smith, brings both the camp and scares in equal measure making for one of the most purely fun fright fests to hit the theaters this summer. But while the film veers into slasher territory, it definitely

sends home a message that in order to create and maintain relationships, you need to work on nurturing a loving environment to set a good example. After all, Chucky wasn't programmed to be evil from the start. It is the hostile environment at home that throws him off of the deep edge.

"That's why I kind of like the horror genre so much," says Henry with a laugh, "because, in the horror genre, they literally are commentaries on us as a people, in our society. Horror movies literally reflect kind of where we are as human beings on this earth, sometimes. And turns that mirror back on ourselves and be like, 'oh sh-t man, maybe we're actually kind of awful

and we need to make some kind of change?' But at the same time it is, the thing I love the most about our 'Child's Play' is that it's really fun at the end of the day. You find yourself rooting for certain, for murder sometimes I'm like, you did that you didn't necessarily think you wanted it just... It brings us together in a way.

'Child's Play' hits theaters Friday, June 21.

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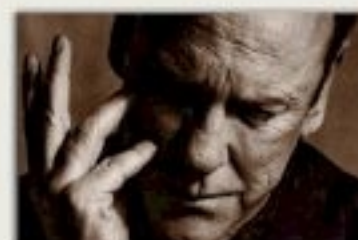
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# Time Out Market Boston brings a food

Over the past five years, the Fenway neighborhood has seen a major uptick in bar and restaurant openings; Fool's Errand, Hojoko, and Tiger Mama are just a few of the spots that have made their homes in the area.

Now, on June 27, Time Out Market Boston is adding 15 more options in one fell swoop. The 25,000-square-foot food hall, located in an historic Art Deco building, brings together a all-star lineup of established local names and brand new eateries from acclaimed chefs across a range of cuisines.

The unveiling of the market comes on the heels of Time Out Market openings in New York and Miami, and locations in Chicago and Montreal are set to follow by the end of this year. The concept was first introduced in Lisbon, Portugal in 2014, and has met with overwhelming success; it's currently the coun-



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try's most popular attraction.

"Our curated lineup of the city's outstanding culinary talent is a reflection of the city's fantastic food scene," said Time Out Market CEO Didier Souillat. "Time Out Market Boston will

be a unique place you can visit in the morning, for lunch or dinner—or anytime in between—and enjoy great food, drinks, and cultural experiences. It is where you can get a true taste of the city."

A number of familiar Boston faces will be

opening outposts in the market. Early birds can grab their morning joe from beloved small-batch brewer George Howell Coffee and a maple bacon treat from Somerville mainstay Union Square Donuts to start the day. Eastern Mediterranean

eatery anoush'ella plans to serve up its flatbread wraps, salads, and grain bowls, and Kendall Square favorite Mameleh's Delicatessen will also open its second location at the market, featuring smoked fish, pastrami, and egg sand-

wiches.

Saltie Girl will be all about the tinned seafood and lobster rolls locals have grown to love at its Back Bay raw bar. Another popular restaurant, Tasting Counter, will see modern updates of its dishes with local ingredients from Chef Peter Ungár.

Just in the mood for a (fancy) snack? Inman Square's BISq will offer a selection of charcuterie and cheese boards, plus heartier sandwiches. Organic, plant-based fare takes center stage at Revolution Health Kitchen, which focuses on nutritious juices, smoothies, toasts, soups, and salads. Mobile Cooks also specialize in vegan options.

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inventive sushi bar. Craigie on Main chef Tony Maws will also translate one of the Cambridge restaurant's most popular items into a counter-serve spot called Craigie Burger.

And — of course — there will be pizza,

courtesy of Chef Michael Schlow. In addition to a more upscale Italian concept, Schlow is debuting a Roman-style pizza shop. The menu will include both classic styles like Margherita and specialty pies topped with fresh vegetables, along with salads and small plates.

It's not just about food, either; the space will boast a culinary school, retail store, and two cocktail bars. As Souillat explained, "Time Out Market isn't just a food hall—it is the world's first food and cultural market based wholly on editorial curation. At the heart of everything we do is our dedication to curating the best the city—it's best food, drinks and cultural experiences. It is all about making fine dining casual, and casual extraordinary. We call it the democratization of fine dining."

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**Aries** Work your magic and achieve what you set out to do. Show enthusiasm and refuse to let negative people burst your bubble. Celebrate with a loved one.



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**Scorpio** An emotional situation should be dealt with carefully. You must be sensitive to a situation that someone close to you is experiencing.



**Gemini** honesty is the best policy. If you lead someone on or make a promise you aren't likely to keep, it will hurt your reputation and damage an important relationship.



**Sagittarius** Make plans, but don't go overboard. You'll leave a better impression if you are responsible and come up with a cost-efficient idea that is fun for everyone. Romance is highlighted.



**Cancer** Consider all aspects of a proposal, contract or settlement before you accept. Time is on your side, and following your intuition is in your best interest.



**Capricorn** Take a walk down memory lane to acquaint yourself with old dreams. A change will be eye-opening and will spark a greater interest in diversifying what you have to offer.



**Leo** An industry event will lead to an encounter with someone you find inspiring. Enjoy mingling and gathering information that will help you advance.



**Aquarius** Don't waste time trying to convince others to do things your way. Concentrate on what you want to pursue, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get.



**Virgo** Use discretion if someone overreacts. Offer someone advice, but don't take charge. Your time should be spent collaborating with people who share your interests and concerns.



**Pisces** Volunteer your time to a worthy cause. Taking part in events will lead to a chance meeting with someone who will influence your life. Let your intuition be your guide. EUGENIA LAST



## NEWS

# Biden under fire from rivals for remarks about 'civility' with segregationists

Sen. Cory Booker called for an apology from the presidential front-runner.

Former Vice President Joe Biden came under sharp criticism from some of his Democratic presidential rivals on Wednesday for remarks he made this week about his time working civilly with segregationists serving in the Senate in the 1970s.

U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, who is also seeking the Democratic nomination, called on Biden to apologize.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed that he hasn't issued an immediate apology for the pain his words are dredging up for many Americans. He should," Booker, who is black, said in a statement.

In a crowded primary



NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio.

campaign that so far had been civil, Wednesday's criticism exposed bubbling racial and generational tensions within the Democratic field that is the most diverse in history.

Biden's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the criticism.

Biden, 76, is leading in early polls to take on

President Donald Trump in 2020.

At issue are Biden's remarks at a New York City fundraiser for his presidential campaign on Tuesday night.

Biden said that U.S. leaders have lost the ability to work together. He pointed to two segregationists from the South who were serving in the Senate when Biden was

elected — Democratic Sens. James Eastland of Mississippi and Herman Talmadge of Georgia.

Eastland described black people as inferior and fought against efforts to desegregate the South. When Biden joined the U.S. Senate in 1973, he and Eastland, members of the same political party, served on the same committee.

"At least there was some civility. We got things done. We didn't agree on much of anything. We got things done. We got it finished," Biden said, according to a pool report distributed by his campaign. "But today, you look at the other side and you're the enemy. Not the opposition, the enemy. We don't talk to each other anymore."

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U.S. Sen. Cory Booker

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, who is also seeking the Democratic nomination, criticized

Biden's remarks.

"It's past time for apologies or evolution from @JoeBiden," de Blasio wrote on Twitter. "He repeatedly demonstrates that he is out of step with the values of the modern Democratic Party."

De Blasio called out Biden for invoking Eastland, posting a photo of himself on Twitter with his wife, who is black, and his two multi-racial children.

"It's 2019 & @JoeBiden is longing for the good old days of 'civility' typified by James Eastland. Eastland thought my multiracial family should be illegal & that whites were entitled to 'the pursuit of dead n\*ggers,'" de Blasio wrote on Twitter.

Booker also criticized Biden for his use of the word "boy" — a term that was frequently used by racists to demean black men. REUTERS

## As sea levels rise, Boston scrambles to protect new Seaport District



Buildings stand in the Seaport neighborhood of Boston. No American city has left such a large swath of expensive new oceanfront real estate and infrastructure exposed to the worst the environment has to offer, according to Chuck Watson, owner of Enki Research. The expansion totals 1,000 acres, an area bigger than Manhattan's Central Park. METRO STAFF

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# Sex-cult guru Raniere guilty on all counts

The Nxivm leader could face life in prison.

Keith Raniere, a New York man accused of running a cult-like group in which women were kept on starvation diets, branded with his initials and ordered to have sex with him, was found guilty of all charges against him by a New York jury on Wednesday.

Raniere, 58, was charged with crimes including racketeering conspiracy, sex trafficking and possession of child pornography. He faces a possible sentence of life in prison.

The verdict in federal court in Brooklyn followed a trial that lasted more than six weeks. Raniere's sentencing is set for Sept. 25.

Raniere is the founder of Nxivm, a purported self-improvement organization based in upstate New York. Prosecutors said that he created a secret sorority within Nx-



Nxivm leader Keith Raniere was convicted of all seven charges, including racketeering, sex trafficking and child pornography.

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ivm called DOS in which female "slaves" turned over compromising materials that were used to blackmail them.

DOS was sold to recruits as an all-female organization, when in fact it

was controlled by Raniere, according to former members who testified at the trial.

Outside of the courthouse, after the verdict was read, a group of former Nxivm members

gave the prosecution team a round of applause.

Catherine Oxenberg, the mother of a former cult member, called her daughter in front of reporters to tell her the verdict. "I'm so happy," the mother was heard saying.

Raniere was the "grandmaster" of an inner circle of slaves, who in turn recruited slaves of their own. Some of those recruits were coerced into having sex with Raniere, and some were branded with his initials, according to former members.

DOS slaves were forced to hand over nude photos and embarrassing confessions and told that the material would be released if

they disobeyed orders or tried to leave, according to a former member and other witnesses.

Prosecutors also said that, years before creating DOS, Raniere began a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl. The child pornography charges stem from explicit pictures he took of the girl, who went on to become one of his inner circle of DOS slaves.

Raniere's lawyer, Marc Agnifilo, had told jurors in his closing arguments on Monday that no women were ever forced to do anything against their will.

Other members of Nxivm, which is pronounced

"nexium," were charged alongside Raniere, and have all pleaded guilty. They include Nxivm president Nancy Salzman; her daughter, Lauren Salzman, who testified as the prosecution's star witness; actress Allison Mack; and Seagram liquor heiress Claire Bronfman.

The group first became known for its "Executive Success Program" courses, which purported to give students the ability to achieve their life goals by overcoming mental blocks. Witnesses testified that leaders of the organization psychologically manipulated and abused its members and demanded total obedience. **REUTERS**

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# Lawsuit claims NFL, Carrie Underwood lifted 'SNF' theme

Country music superstar Carrie Underwood, the National Football League and NBC were sued on Wednesday for allegedly copying the "Game On" theme song used in 2018 for "Sunday Night Football" from an identically-titled song recorded two years earlier.

Heidi Merrill, who said she uploaded her "Game On" to Google's YouTube in March 2017, said her copyright was infringed after Underwood's producer Mark Bright rejected her August 2017 pitch at a conference in Nashville to use the song for "Sunday Night Football."

In their complaint, Merrill and her co-writers said Underwood's "Game On" is "substantially — even strikingly — similar, if not identical" to their song, including in title, tempo, meter, time signature, rhythmic and melodic contours and patterns, note and chord progressions, and hooks.

Bright and music pub-



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lishing affiliates of Sony Corp. and Warner Music Group are among the nine defendants named in the lawsuit, which was filed in Manhattan federal court.

A spokesman for Underwood did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Spokesmen for the NFL and Sony declined to comment. NBC, which is owned by Comcast Corp., and the publisher Warner/Chappell Music had no immediate comment.

Underwood has performed theme songs for "Sunday Night Football" since 2013.

Tim Foster, a lawyer at Sam P. Israel PC representing the plaintiffs, said the

lawsuit followed the rejection by several defendants of his clients' effort to negotiate a resolution.

"Ms. Underwood recorded a song that was substantially similar to the original song submitted through her producer, without giving credit or compensation of any kind to the original songwriters," Foster said in an interview. "We assume that there will be significant damages."

Underwood, 36, became famous by winning the fourth season of "American Idol" in 2005. She has since won dozens of country music awards and seven Grammy awards. **REUTERS**

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After settling in, the whole crew can make its way to the gardens and dive into the hotel's private pool with surrounding tiki cabanas, or enjoy the ultimate beach day with a private beach cabanita.

Kids will love saying "hola" to the property's colorful resident macaw parrots, Sunshine and Chance, or spending some time walking through the on-site organic chef's garden, which grows herbs and veggies that are often used in many of the restaurant's dishes and cocktails.

Families can catch some zen together with complimentary yoga offered throughout the week on the beach and in the gardens. Parents can rebalance and find their center at the Aveda spa,

the only destination Aveda spa in Miami.

Teens aren't left out of the spa fun, either, with teen and junior spa services available for kids ages five to 15, ranging from an Elemental Nature Facial to a nail polish change.

Family members of all ages will love Essensia, the on-site restaurant that features natural gourmet cuisine and breakfast buffets sure to appease even the pickiest of eaters.

In between it all, families can catch a quick ride to a number of nearby family-friendly hotspots, including the Jungle Island, which takes guests on an epic journey through nature, animal discovery, and new adventurous experiences, and Wynwood Walls, with colorful and mesmerizing murals.

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# Cruise tips with Carnival Cruise Line Chief Fun Officer *Shaquille O'Neal*

The NBA legend is bringing his Big Chicken fast-casual restaurants to select cruises in spring 2020.



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Any fan of NBA Hall-Of-Famer Shaquille O'Neal knows that the man knows how to have a good time.

After retiring with one of the most celebrated careers in professional basketball, Shaq has presented himself as an advocate for things fun, whether it's DJing around the world, starring in commercials or busting on his co-host and playful rival, Charles Barkley, on TNT's "NBA Halftime Show."

These days, Shaq is

bringing his joyful attitude to life as Carnival Cruise Line's Chief Fun Officer.

"I've been CFO for two years now, and it's my job to ensure that people have fun on the ship," explains O'Neal, who sat down with me before Carnival's "Cruise Into Summer" media event. "I used to live on the beach across from a port, and I thought the ship was for old people, until I finally got on one. So I went to [them] and said, 'You should hire me to tell people that you should choose Carnival and choose fun.'"

"What [they] have always done is an unbelievable job of keeping prices affordable for people. It's just my job to let people know that there is so much stuff to do on the ship. It's not just go to your room, go out look

on the water and go back into your room. There are restaurants, libraries, sport courts, putt-putt golf course, movie theater, comedy shows. It's like the best Vegas hotel on the water."

While he is getting the word out about how fun these cruises are, Shaq's wildly popular Las Vegas-based fast-casual fried-chicken sandwich restaurant, Big Chicken, will be partnering with two of Carnival's newest ships, the Radiance and the Mardi Gras, for the spring 2020 season. Both restaurants will include hit sandwiches such as the Shaq Attack, the Shaq Daddy and the M.D.E. Shaq's Big Chicken will join the ranks of an impressive food lineup. "[It's] one of the top restaurants in Vegas," says Shaq of Big Chicken. "I should know,



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because I have four of the top five in Vegas, which is great."

While many people who plan vacations stress out about cramming in as much as possible into their trips, the CFO's idea of a perfect cruise is one where you come with an open mind and go with the flow. "It depends on what you want to do," says Shaq.

"If you want to make the day about eating? Every restaurant. If you want to make the day about having fun? Movies, sports court, pool. There's just so much you can do. You want to get away

from everybody? Library. You want to tell the kids to stay home and have a romantic night with the wife? Fine dining. I've been on the ship a couple of times. I've only taken the three-day cruises. I know how to not be seen on the cruise. I'll go and rest during the day and come out at night."

Recently announced Carnival Cruise Line Cruise Director Matt Mit-cham agrees with the big boss who he says, embodies the entire ethos of Carnival.

"I would say come with an open mind," says Mit-cham. "We've got loads of

new things for you guys. Even if you've sailed before, come like it's your first time."

Now that the basketball season is over, O'Neal's co-host on TNT's "NBA Half-Time Show," Charles Barkley, might need to find a position on the ship. But where would the Chief Fun Officer place a willing and able Barkley?

"He'd be downstairs in the toiletry department," says O'Neal, "because he's full of sh-t and he knows how to clean the sh-t." For more information and to book your next trip, head over to [carnival.com](http://carnival.com).

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## HORFORD LOSS NOT CATASTROPHIC

## OPINION

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Don't let the door hit you on the way out.

That's how I feel about Al Horford declining next year's \$30 million player option with the Celtics and reportedly moving on to sign a four-year deal with another team. The news comes around the same time that we're learning Kyrie Irving will also be opting out to become a free agent.

Not that we shouldn't have seen Irving's departure coming. We should have. And I did. But to see Horford pack up and run from Boston was something I wouldn't have put my money on.

If anything, if Horford was to go, I would've expected him to possibly agree to a sign-and-trade. Initial reports of Horford's opt-out weren't really a surprise, as most people believed he was intending to re-sign with the

Celtics on a multi-year deal at a lower average annual value, in order to give the team a little salary cap relief.

That does not seem to be the case now, though. ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski is reporting that there's "too great of a gulf between what the team is willing to offer and what Horford wants on a long-term deal."

In other words, Horford's days in Boston are done. Again, don't let that door hit you, Al.

This is me knocking Horford on his way out the door while not really knocking Horford on his way out the door. What I'm really trying to do is control my emotions, and understand that the Celtics' star players are still here. They go by the names of Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum.

When Celtics president of basketball operations Danny Ainge hit the reset button back in the summer of 2013 by trading Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to the Brooklyn Nets, he acquired several first-round picks from the Nets, which resulted in the drafting of Brown at No. 3 overall in 2016 and Tatum at No. 3 overall in 2017.

Brown is 22 years old. Tatum is 21. Ainge has held on to both, even avoiding the temptation of sending one of the young players to New Orleans in a trade for Anthony Davis.

Davis was traded to the Los Angeles Lakers over the weekend. As I told you before, the Celtics were wise to not get involved in a bidding war and give up Brown or Tatum. Because, like I said, those are the Celtics' real stars, now and for years to come.

The Celtics at least owe it to themselves to find out if that's true. With Irving and Horford gone, it's time to hand Brown and Tatum the keys to the car. After all, wasn't that the plan when he traded Pierce and Garnett to draft players like Brown and Tatum with the ever-so-valuable "Brooklyn Picks," and then let those players develop into NBA stars?

We've already seen their potential. They've both already made a major impact on a playoff team. And you'd have to think they're only going to improve at the NBA level, especially with the golden opportunity that they're about to receive in Boston.



Al Horford is likely signing elsewhere in free agency. GETTY IMAGES

With some money freed up, who knows where the Celtics could spend it? Even if they don't spend it on anything right now, I'm actually looking forward to seeing Brown and Tatum make this their team. Sure, Gordon Hay-

ward is still in the mix, and so is Marcus Smart, and possibly Terry Rozier. But this is going to be a Celtics team led by Brown and Tatum.

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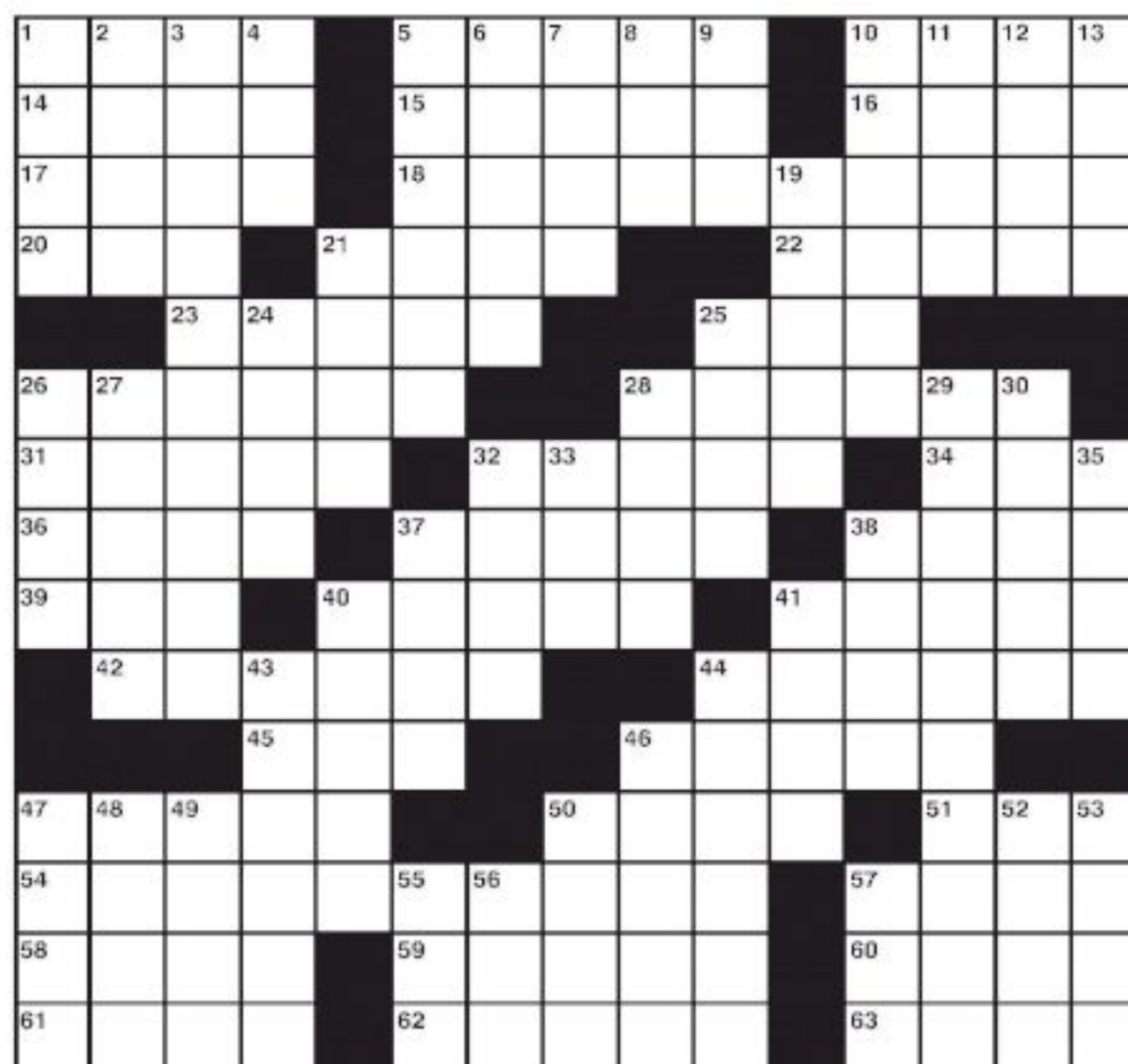
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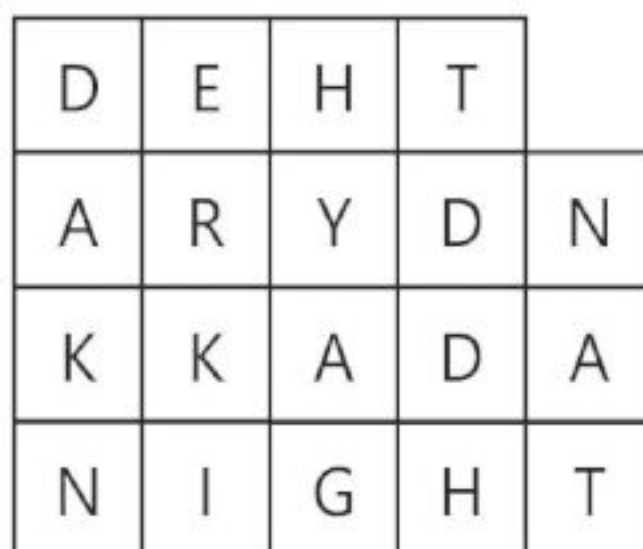
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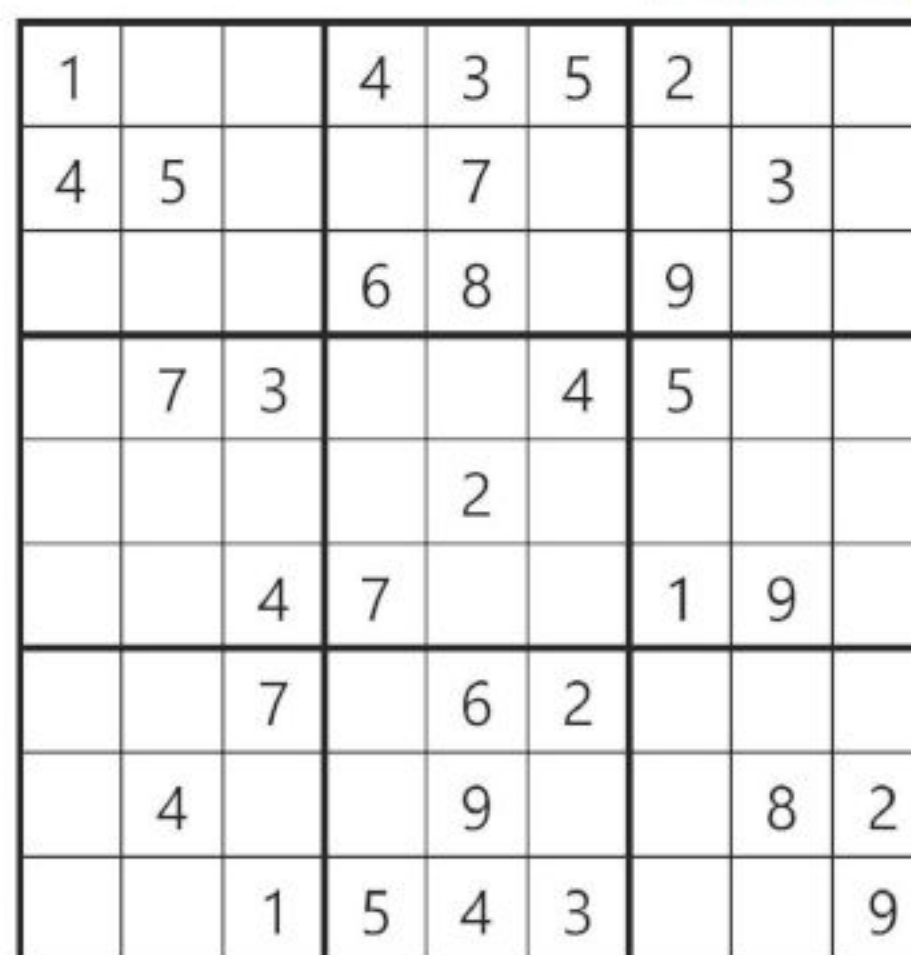
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